



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Red River Basin River Watch program, which is administered through the International Water Institute, is entering their 22nd year of Watershed Education providing watershed and river basin awareness; and

WHEREAS: River Watch continues to involve 28 to 32 schools per year, and has included over 4,000 students in the Red River of the North Basin throughout the years; and

WHEREAS: River Watch involves students in a variety of unique and innovative watershed engagement opportunities suited to their school, community, and watershed needs; and

WHEREAS: Support from the Red River Watershed Management Board, local Watershed Districts, and regional partners across the Red River of the North Basin has helped establish a unique program, training students in monitoring physical, and chemical, and hydrologic conditions of local rivers and watersheds; and

WHEREAS: The scientific data gathered by River Watch Students are used by state agencies to assess the state's surface waters and used by the National Weather Service to better predict and forecast flooding in the Red River basin; and

WHEREAS: The River Watch program will continue to be a significant contributor in the goal of improving the water resources in the Red River basin into the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of March 12-18, 2017, as:

RIVER WATCH WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 10th day of March.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE